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SUBJECT: GAMBIA EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF

REF: (A) DAKAR 2840(B) BANJUL A-35 (C) BANJUL 338

AIDAC ROME FOR FODAG.

1. AS REPORTED REF A, DURING CALL BY RDO MCADAMS, AID/TDY GUTMAN AND I ON VICE PRESIDENT CAMARA JUNE 26, LATER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT WFP HAD TURNED DOWN GOTG REQUEST TO INCREASE EMERGENCY FOOD GRAIN SHIPMENTS FROM 4400 MTS CURRENTLY APPROVED TO 7000 MTS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED. EVEN 7,000 MTS MIGHT LEAVE SHORTFALL BUT HE CONSIDERED THIS ABSOLUTE MINIMUM . HE AGAIN MADE POINT, REPORTED REF C, THAT ORIGINAL GAMBIA ESTIMATES OF 150,000 AND LATER 175,000 PEOPLE REQUIRING EMERGENCY RATIONS WERE BASED ON SLIGHTLY UPPED 1963 FIGURES. AFTER RECENT 1973 CENSUS SHOWED TOTAL POPULATION INCREASE OF OVER 50 * NUMBER OF PEOPLE REQUIRING RELIEF FOOD REVISED TO 230,000 . THIS SPELLED OUT IN LETTER OF JUNE 12 TO UNDP RESREP FROM ACTING PRESIDENT CAMARA REPORTED REF C.

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2. IN TURNING DOWN LATEST GOTG REQUEST , WFP CITED PROBLEM OF DELIVERING ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES BEFORE NEXT HARVEST, I.E LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER, AND SUGGESTED TURNING TO BILATERAL DONORS WHICH MIGHT ABLE MAKE EARLIER DELIVERIES . 4\$9 AND I UNDERSTOOD CAMARA TO SAY GOTG WOULD BE SUBMITTING REQUEST FOR 2600 MTS GRAIN, PREFERABLY SORGHUM, TO USG.

3. IN CALL ON PRESIDENT JAWARA YESTERDAY QUESTION OF EMERGENCY FOOD GRAIN CAME UP AND PRESIDENT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD REQUEST HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO USG. WHEN I SAID MATTER DISCUSSED BUT NO FORMAL REQUEST RECEIVED , HE SAID THERE APPARENTLY WAS MISUNDERSTANDING. VICE PRESIDENT HAD UNDOUBTEDLY CONSIDERED ORAL REQUEST SUFFICIENT. HOWEVER. IF WRITTEN REQUEST REQUIRED, HE WOULD GET ONE TO US IMMEDIATELY.

4. DESPITE DELAY CAUSED BY MISUNDERSTANDING , HOPE WE CAN RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST AS RECOMMENDED REF A.
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